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SUBJECT: CHILEAN PLAN TO CATCH WHALES

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICER FOLLOW-UP ON REFTEL (A) WITH
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OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE
ALONG LINES OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS'

2. AT ITS 1976 AND 1977 ANNUAL MEETINGS, THE IWC HAS TAKEN
ACTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL WHALING NATIONS TO BECOME MEMBERS
OF THE COMMISSION. IWC IN 1977 PASSED TWO RESOLUTIONS RE-
QUESTING THAT MEMBER NATIONS NOT DISSEMINATE WHALING VES-

SELS, EQUIPMENT OR EXPERTISE TO NON-MEMBER NATIONS.

3. USG THROUGH SUCH ACTIVITIES AS OUTLINED REFTEL (C) AIDED THE EFFORTS OF IWC TO ENCOURAGE ALL WHALING NATIONS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF IWC. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL (C) USG MUST COMPLY WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO CERTIFY TO THE PRESIDENT WHENEVER NATIONALS OF A FOREIGN NATION CONDUCT FISHING (WHALING) OPERATIONS WHICH DIMINISH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM SUCH AS THAT OF THE IWC. PRESIDENT AT HIS DISCRETION MAY THEN DECIDE TO PLACE AN EMBARGO ON ALL FISHERY PRODUCTS FROM THE COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

4. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS CURRENTLY PROCEEDING WITH PENDING CERTIFICATION THAT WHALING OPERATIONS OF NATIONALS IN PERU AND SOUTH KOREA AND POSSIBLY CHILE HAVE DIMINISHED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE IWC. PERU TOOK 213 SEI AND BRYDE'S WHALES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 1976 WHEN IWC QUOTA FOR THESE SPECIES COMBINED IN AREA OFF PERU AND CHILE WAS 198, ALL OF WHICH WAS TAKEN BY IWC NATIONS. ALSO, PERU WAS REPORTED TAKING 1500 SPERM WHALES IN 1976 AND CHILE 60. THE TOTAL OF IWC QUOTAS FOR MALE AND FEMALE SPERM WHALES FOR 1976 IN AREAS IN WHICH PERU AND CHILE TAKE WHALES WAS 4016, OF WHICH THE IWC NATIONS TOOK 3151, LEAVING 865 AS UNFILLED PORTION.

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5. CATCH OFF CHILE FALLS INTO SAME IWC AREA QUOTA AS CATCH BY PERU. THEREFORE, USG NOW STUDYING WHETHER TAKE OF 60 SPERM WHALES BY CHILE IN 1976, DIMINISHED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE IWC.

6. IN 1977, IWC QUOTAS FOR THE AREA OFF PERU AND CHILE ARE 0 SPERM WHALES, MALES AND FEMALES, AND 388 SEI WHALES. IWC NATIONS HAVE TAKEN 298 SEI WHALES. FOR 1978, THE SPERM WHALE QUOTAS REMAIN AT 0 AND THE SEI WHALES QUOTA IS 418. THEREFORE, A TAKE OF 500 SPERM AND/OR SEI WHALES IN EITHER 1977 OR 1978 WOULD ALMOST DEFINITELY DIMINISH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE IWC, PROGRAM NECESSITATING A CERTIFICATION TO THIS EFFECT FROM THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO PRESIDENT CARTER. CHRISTOPHER

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